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In re Application of:) Art Unit:
Takeshi IMANISHI et al.)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is the national stage under 35
U.S.C. 371 of PCT/JP98/00945, filed March 9, 1998.

Page 4, line 23, replace "alkoxyl" with --alkoxy--;

line 23, delete "and";

line 24, after "group", insert --and an aryloxy

group--; and